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Overview

Joe Frate's compassion, diligence, and effective communication result in successful case outcomes for his clients.

As an associate in DiCello Levitt's Cleveland office, Joe has made important contributions to victories in numerous personal injury, product liability, and civil and human rights cases, including the landmark \$20.75 million jury verdict in the precedent-setting case against global bank BNP Paribas for financing genocide in Sudan. He helped secure a \$102.6 million jury verdict against General Motors in a rare class action trial—and a subsequent \$175 million settlement—for thousands of vehicle owners affected by defective GM engines.

Joe received his J.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Law. During his time at Case Western, he was a member of the Milton Kramer Health and Human Trafficking Law Clinic, where he represented and assisted disenfranchised citizens in receiving Social Security benefits and criminal record expungements. Joe was also named to the Dean's list during his time at Case Western.

Prior to law school, Joe graduated from Ohio University, cum laude, where he was elected to serve as Commissioner for off-campus students for the University's Student Senate.

Practice Areas

CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS LITIGATION

PERSONAL INJURY



PRODUCT LIABILITY

Education

Case Western Reserve University School of Law, J.D.

Ohio University, B.A., cum laude

Awards & Honors

Legal Lions of the Week, Law360 (2025)

Admissions & Memberships

Bar Admissions

Ohio

California

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

Memberships

Ohio State Bar Association

American Association of Justice (AAJ)